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PARTNERSHIP WITH INTEL CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intel Corporation has announced a partnership with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to provide inexpensive and effective communication and IT facilities to remote villages;

(b) if so, the main points thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful of the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Joint Statement of partnership signed on 18th November, 2004 outlines collaboration in the broad areas of:

(i) Reaching IT to the masses;

(ii) Enabling Technology Competitiveness; and

(iii) Education.

(c) It will help in enabling rural citizens to avail benefits of information revolution, enhance IT literacy & PC proliferation, and narrowing the digital divide.